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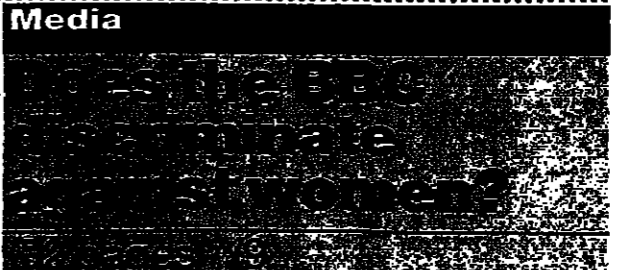
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## Sport

David Davis at the Open, the Guardian team in Atlanta and William Fotheringham in Paris on the climax of the Tour de France



Germany's Telekom team lead the Tour de France peloton on the Champs Elysees yesterday. Bjarne Riis of Denmark won the 2,328-mile race. Sport, page 15 PHOTOGRAPH: PHIL COLE

## Reshuffles hit by party squabbles

Warring candidates wreck Blair and Major's hopes for speedy shake-ups

David Hencke Westminster Correspondent

**P**LANS by John Major and Tony Blair to sort out their front bench teams quickly in readiness for the next election were falling apart last night as MPs and ministers squabbled over issues their leaders would rather forget.

John Major faces a larger reshuffle than he wanted, thanks to the decision by the junior Treasury minister, David Heathcoat-Amory, to quit over his refusal to say Britain will not enter a European single currency during the next Parliament.

Tony Blair's hopes of making the shadow cabinet election a "non-event" was shattered by rumblings over policies towards strikes, his plans to send his second son to a grant-maintained school and a real choice for MPs between Harriet Harman, the health spokeswoman, and Ann Glynn, the combative Welsh backbencher.

Frantic efforts were being made yesterday by Conservative whips to persuade Mr Heathcoat-Amory to change his mind, but since he had already given a last-minute notice that he wanted to go, he was said to be holding firm.

One colleague said last night: "Since he doesn't require a ministerial salary for his ego or his bank balance, he won't be changing his mind."

His decision will be doubly embarrassing for John Major, as he is already writing a well thought out pamphlet arguing the case against a single European currency, which the Treasury would have stopped him publishing.

This means that even after

## Major meets UDA killer

### Talks alter policy on paramilitaries

David Sharrock Ireland Correspondent

**J**OHAN Major will today shake hands with a convicted double murderer who killed a Catholic politician when he finally breaks his policy of avoiding personal contact with Northern Ireland representatives who are closely linked to paramilitary organisations.

Members of the two loyalist parties which have close links with the outlawed Ulster Defence Association and Ulster Volunteer Force will be welcomed through the door of Number 10 Downing Street — the first time that they have been granted contact at the highest level.

The Ulster Democratic Party, which is associated with the UDA, will be represented by party leader Gary McMichael and prisons spokesman John White — both of whom were elected in the Northern Ireland Forum and Talks poll on May 30.

Mr White received a life sentence for the murder in June 1978 of Paddy Wilson, a Stormont SDLP senator. Mr Wilson and his girlfriend, Irene Wilson, were stabbed to death in what was described as a fronted attack. Immediately after the killings a Belfast newspaper was contacted by a "Captain Black" of the Ulster Freedom Fighters — the UDA's nom de guerre — saying: "We have just killed senator Wilson and a lady friend."

Mr White served 14 years

for the murders and is out of prison on a life licence. In May he stood in the Northern Ireland Forum elections and was present at the opening session of the all-party talks when the Irish prime minister, John Bruton, pointedly referred to the murder of his friend, Mr Wilson.

"The best service we can render to the victims of the conflict is to tackle the causes in such a way that the nightmare of violence will never return," Mr Bruton said.

Mr McMichael's father, John, was a noted "hard man", a UDA brigadier who produced a key loyalist blueprint for solving Northern Ireland's problems called "Common sense". He was murdered by the IRA in December 1989.

Mr McMichael said he would tell Mr Major there was a need "to put the peace process back on the rails".

"There's a need to crack down on the IRA and to eliminate the threat of a return to republican violence."

Mr Major will also meet



John White: out on licence after 14 years in prison

Gerry Adams, president of the political wing of the IRA, even when he was warned privately that failure to do so was contributing to the collapse of the IRA ceasefire.

He is now meeting loyalists at a moment when their ceasefire appears to be at breaking point, with the unclaimed murder of a Catholic taxi driver, serious loyalist unrest across Northern Ireland involving paramilitaries during the Drumcree crisis and a bomb alert in Dublin last week.

The meeting meant there was no longer any excuse for Mr Major not to meet Mr Adams, said Sinn Fein chairman Mitchell McLaughlin.

He said: "Sinn Fein has no problem with John Major meeting representatives of any political party but tomorrow's meeting highlights once again the British government's double standards."

He added: "Following the British Government's capitulation in the Unionist revolt, nationalists will see tomorrow's meeting as further evidence of the British Government following a Unionist agenda."

"John Major now has no excuse for not meeting with Gerry Adams and he should do so immediately."

Downing Street immediately ruled that out. "The Prime Minister has been seeing the leaders of a number of parties in the last few days and it is in that context that the meeting is taking place," a spokesman said.

Asked why Mr Major will not meet Mr Adams he said: "The loyalist paramilitaries of course are observing a ceasefire. There will be no ministerial meetings with Sinn Fein at the present time because there is no [IRA] ceasefire."

While the loyalist parties and Downing Street were yesterday playing down the significance of today's meeting, some have chosen to interpret it as a message to Sinn Fein that it will be swiftly welcomed in to top-level talks if the IRA ceasefire is restored.

"There's no doubt that he's taking a political risk," said one senior politician.

## BBC bosses accused of ditching reports opposed to Birt changes

Andrew Cuff Media Correspondent

**W**ORLD Service journalists last night accused senior managers of suppressing their reports of the campaign against the BBC's controversial reorganisation. Staff said at least three news items on opposition to director-general John Birt's changes to the World Service had been killed by senior editors.

They claimed there had been a management clamp-down on internal dissent and there was an atmosphere of a witch-hunt at the World Service's Bush House headquarters, central London.

Members of the National Union of Journalists have claimed undue pressure is being applied to staff reports of the campaign. They say damaging the World Service's reputation for impartial reporting.

The campaign against the changes, which would mean the World Service news department merging with the BBC's domestic news-gathering operation, has won the support of nearly 340 MPs and leading international figures, including the exiled spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama, former Soviet president Mikhail Gorbachev and former South



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African archbishop Desmond Tutu.

But a report detailing the strength of opposition, prepared for the World Service, was killed by a senior duty editor with the explanation: "The Dalai Lama, whatever his other qualifications, is not an authoritative source of comment about matters affecting the internal organisation of the BBC."

Bob Jobbins, editor of World Service news and current affairs, told staff he would not tolerate "sloppy or emotional reporting or use of six-time in news programmes to campaign for the BBC."

In a memo, he denied management had tried to minimise coverage of the campaign about the future of the World Service.

But staff claimed two other stories had also been killed — a political correspondent's report on opposition voiced in the House of Lords and a

### British holidaymakers in front line as ETA escalates bombings

**A**doles Gaoch in Madrid

**S**PANISH police yesterday deactivated a bomb at a seaside resort as the Basque separatist group ETA escalated its summer terror campaign with four bombings on the Costa Brava, including one at an airport which injured 85 people, mostly British.

The bomb defused yesterday had been placed in the lavatory of a seaside hotel in Salou. The police evacuated 500 guests, most of them Dutch, and special units scoured beaches for more devices along the coast.

Many of the 24 British tourists hurt on Saturday evening when a bomb went off in a rubbish bin in the departure lounge of Reus airport, near Tarragona, were able to fly home yesterday.

Holidaymakers returned to Manchester to tell of screaming children and panic.

Alan Conway, aged 36, from Wigan, said he and his family had just gone through pas-

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# Irish police keep out Britain's mad cows

David Sharrock on a costly operation to keep the republic's beef cattle 'clean'

AN IRISH policeman's lot is not a happy one. If the events at the Drumree Orange parade stretched the RUC to the limit, just think of the security operation immediately south of the border — and all in the name of stopping a stray cow or two from infiltrating the republic's "clean beef" industry.

Operation Matador is the biggest of its kind ever undertaken by the Garda Síochána, with an additional 800 officers patrolling Ireland's meandering border at a cost of £71,000 a day — which would total £26 million for every year of Europe's ban on British beef.

Every single one of the border's 20 road crossings is manned by a Garda checkpoint 24 hours a day. Ironically, the task has been made all the more budget-sapping, thanks to last year's 12 months of peace in Northern Ireland, when all the crossings which were cratered during the IRA campaign to remove convenient entry and exit points for paramilitaries were repaired.

To add to the republic's woes this weekend, the increased threat of loyalist attacks on Dublin has forced

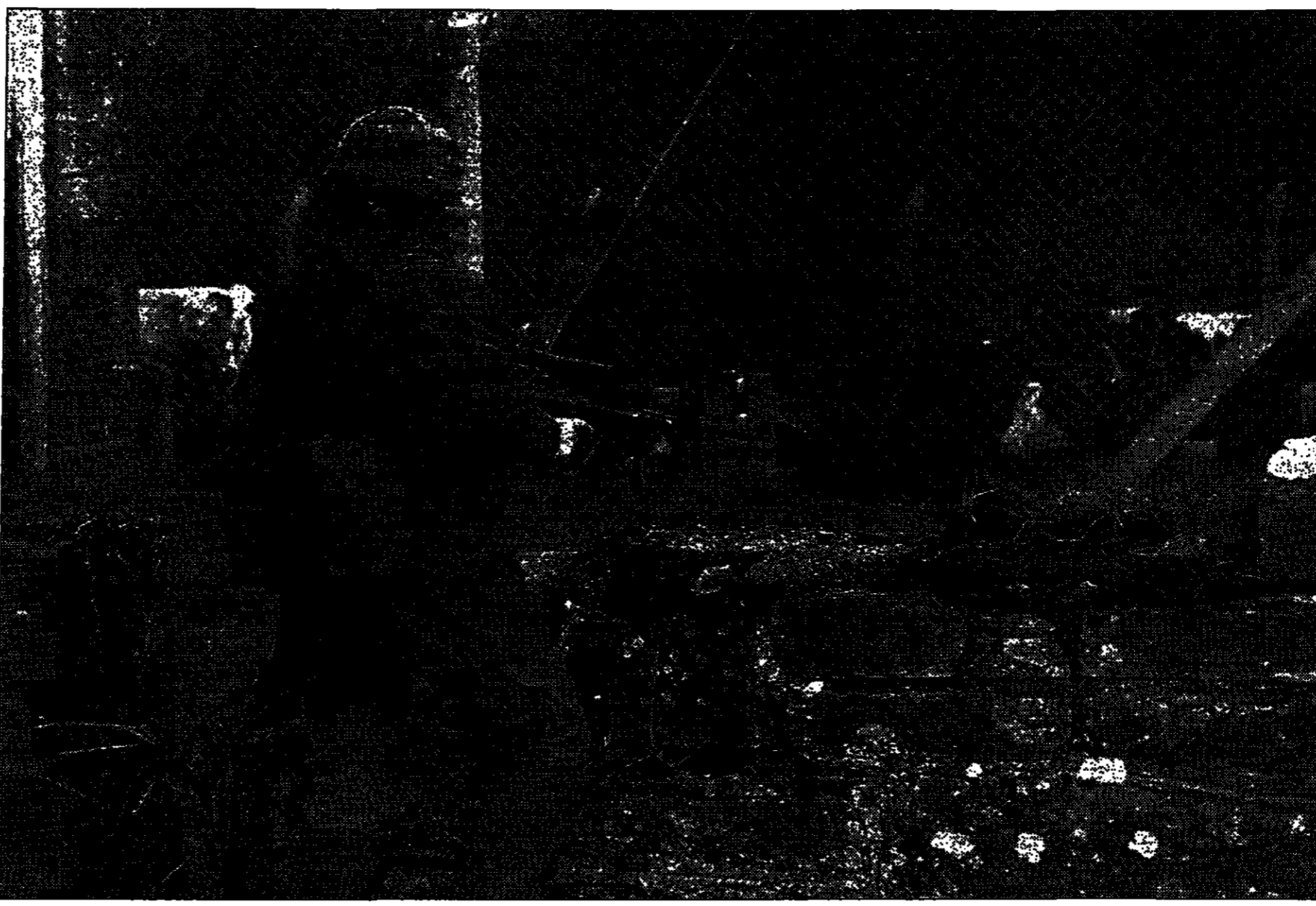
police chiefs to send even more armed detectives north. After last Thursday's hoax bomb alert — which cost businesses an estimated \$5 million for an afternoon of transport chaos — most of the border checkpoints were upgraded from BSE to armed status.

But a Dublin newspaper yesterday reported that the increased security profile watches the clock at the extra Garda protection which moved in four days ago ends, because the overtime payments drain on the force's budget is simply too great.

The situation has been described as "crazy" by the Irish Farmers' Association president, John Donnelly, who met the European Union agriculture commissioner, Franz Fischler, to discuss the BSE crisis in Strasbourg last week. "Gardaí were running through briars chasing the smugglers," he said.

Mr Fischler is considering the implementation of a "passport" scheme for cows, to enable consumers to identify the beef source. This will delight farmers whose land actually straddles the Irish border.

Felix McCaffrey had 50 of



An Irish soldier guards a herd of cattle which were impounded at the weekend as they were being smuggled from Northern Ireland to County Cavan

PHOTOGRAPH: ALAN LEWIS

## Tantalising hints fleetingly traced

### Review

Andrew Clements

Inogen Cooper and Joan Rodgers Cheltenham Festival

NEW works have been scattered generously through this year's Cheltenham Festival, which ended last night. The final premiere was the novelty in Inogen Cooper's piano recital at the Pittville Pump Room on Saturday, Thomas Adès' *Traced Overhead*, commissioned by the festival for the occasion.

Adès has been one of the most familiar faces in Cheltenham these last two weeks, appearing as an accompanist and pianist in a wide variety of chamber programmes.

His expert command of the keyboard informs every bar of the new work, whose three linked movements lasting just over 10 minutes are full of the most subtle harmonic and textural effects and conjure up a world of fleeting impressions and tantalising expressive hints.

The title is mysterious; the heading of each of the movements — *Sursam*, *Aetheria*, *Chori* — adds to the sense of some undisclosed subtext.

The programme notes offered no clues, while there is an "unplayed melody" threaded between the lines of the second section.

What is certain is the difficulty of the piano writing in *Traced Overhead*, which

makes full use of the whole range of the keyboard, with sometimes up to six distinct musical strands, each minutely detailed on its own, but with its own dynamics, unravelling at the same time.

Yet the effect never seems over-complex nor self-indulgently extravagant.

Inogen Cooper's performance, very scrupulously prepared, demonstrated how idiomatic and rewarding a piece it is.

Her recital had also included an intriguing but by no means definitive account of Schumann's *Day's Endeckelung*, and bringing out every single detail and subtlety in the piano writing is a task and a half.

There had been more Schumann to begin Joan Rodgers' recital with the pianist Malcolm Martineau in the same hall on Saturday morning.

The *Op 99 Liederkreis* is one song cycle that sounds convincing from a singer of either sex, and Rodgers' performance, inward, delicately coloured, seemed superbly right.

Her programme also included four early songs by the festival's artistic director, Michael Berkeley: two of them, blamelessly diatonic, were composed while he was a student; the others were taken from a slightly later Hardy cycle.

The main influences — Britten and the English pastoralists — are the expected ones, though in the second of the Hardy settings there was a strange echo of *Sondheim*, of all people, in the way the phrases unfolded the text.

## 'Old man' Dole fit to serve as president

Jonathan Freedland in Washington

BOB DOLE, the Republican presidential candidate, celebrates his 73rd birthday today boasting that he's tanned, fit and ready for the Oval Office but facing growing concern in his party that he's too old for the job.

In an attempt to reassure wavering voters, Mr Dole yesterday released medical records showing him in strikingly good health. He also promised to submit to an independent panel of doctors if doubts surface over his mental and physical capacities while serving as president.



Bob Dole: butt of ageist jokes

Mr Dole — who is seeking to become the oldest first-term president ever elected — was declared in "tip-top shape" by Charles Peck, his

personal physician. Dr Peck said he was at the near-ideal weight of 178lb for his age, does not have high blood pressure, shows no signs of heart disease and has a good short-term memory.

"My cholesterol is better than Clinton," Mr Dole said yesterday, noting that the president is fatter than him. "My weight is better than Clinton. My blood pressure is better than Clinton. But I'm not going to make health an issue in this campaign."

The fact that Mr Dole was compelled to release such personal data — including details of past surgery for prostate cancer, kidney stones, two polyps in his colon and a

hernia — illustrated the depth of Republican concern.

Polls show one in three voters believe Mr Dole's age makes him less able to handle the presidency. Tellingly, that figure rises to 42 per cent among voters over 65, who know first-hand the limitations of age.

Asked which words best describe Mr Dole, the three most frequent answers among voters are "old", "conservative" and "too old".

His seniority has made him the target of a wave of ageist humour. The CBS host, David Letterman, said that when Mr Dole cleared his desk at the senate last month he found quills and parchment.

Mr Dole has challenged Mr Letterman to see if he can maintain his punishing pace.

But age has continued to dog him. The Republican challenger has been hindered by seeming out of touch, often conforming to the stereotype of the grumpy old man. He has also been hurt by his permanent association with the second world war, when a serious wound withered his right arm and left him with only one kidney.

Some Dole aides reportedly wanted the candidate to play down his birthday today. But the Republican has insisted on celebrating.

## Basques hit more resorts as bombed Brits recover

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ries, although all are out of danger. Nine Spaniards were also injured.

Among those badly hurt were a 10-year-old boy, Tom Mahony, from Dublin, who suffered a broken leg and yesterday said to be in a serious condition, but stabilising. His mother, Winifred, also suffered leg injuries.

Two women, Karen Kelly, aged 29, from Southsea, and Jean Harris, aged 60, were recovering from surgery yesterday. Mary Tucker, aged 61, suffered head injuries but was moved from intensive care into a standard ward.

A Spanish cleaner, Isabel Montiel Lorenzo, 46, was nearest to the rubbish bin that concealed the bomb, and was the most seriously hurt.

Spain's interior minister, Jaime Mayor Oreja, who visited the injured, said security in resorts would be stepped up but there were no "miracle measures" to stop terrorism.

"We must not give way to panic," he said. "That is precisely what ETA wants."

Mr Mayor Oreja said the attacks were almost certainly the work of a unit which planted small bombs in Andalucía earlier this month.

Police cleared two hotels in Cambrils and Salou on Saturday after ETA had warned of other bombs there.

But a telephone call giving notice of the Reus bomb just minutes before it went off left the authorities no time to evacuate the airport.

In a separate incident yesterday, eight grenades exploded near a circus guard barracks in Ortizaba, Guipúzcoa.

## Dubbed Trainspotting gathers steam in US

Ian Katz in New York

TOM CRUISE and Jim Carrey will not be running for cover just yet but newcomer Ewan McGregor and company scored a modest triumph when *Trainspotting* opened in cinemas in the United States this weekend.

Although the British film earned just \$90,000 (\$60,000) on the first night of its release — a pittance by Hollywood standards — it posted the highest takings per screen, a statistic industry insiders consider an important indicator of a production's box-office potential.

*Trainspotting* opened at just eight cinemas on Friday night, four each in Los Angeles and New York. The Brit-

ish film's US distributor, Miramax, hopes to build a buzz around it and then to expand its distribution.

But despite its unexpected success in Britain — *Trainspotting* was the second highest grossing home-grown film after *Four Weddings and a Funeral* — industry watchers are doubtful whether Danny Boyle's dark production will appeal to American audiences more accustomed to quaint period pieces from across the Atlantic.

Miramax had to cut two explicit scenes from the film because its parent company, the Walt Disney Corporation, does not allow it to distribute films with adult-only ratings.

A sizable portion of the film was also redubbed because of fears that US viewers would not be able to under-



Spud shoots up in Trainspotting

stand the characters' heavy Edinburgh accents.

However, the film has had no shortage of hyperbolic publicity. Time magazine speculated that Renton (played by McGregor), Spud,

fane yet eloquent, flush with the ability to create laughter out of unspeakable situations. The New York Times worried about occasional bad taste but warned to the film's "funny, sharp, well-played character" and "gleeful" directorial style.

Variety dubbed it "a Clockwork Orange for the Nineties".

Just as the cable channel which aired *Absolutely Fabulous* was forced to produce a glossary explaining terms such as "Harvey Nicks", *Trainspotting's* argot of "radge", "gadga" and "swedge" is likely to bemuse American audiences.

The title of the film is considered something of a mystery in the US, where railway stations are a scene of men in anoraks notting down engine numbers.

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Paymaster General set to take honest road over his hatred of European Union as fellow sceptics complain but opt to keep their jobs

# How Europe divides Major's cabinet

### Heathcoat-Amory likely to be thorn in Major's side with new freedom to promote his views

David Hencke

**D**AVID Heathcoat-Amory, expected to quit as Paymaster General today over the single currency issue, is taking the honest road in expressing his public hatred of the bureaucratic European Union and all its works.

His stance will be quite different from that of fellow ministers and cabinet colleagues who are determined to stay in their jobs despite sharing his strong beliefs. Their attitudes led John Major to call three — Michael Howard, Peter Lilley and Michael Portillo — bastards in an off the cuff remark three years ago.

While Mr Major can count on the support of most of his cabinet colleagues, at least two other cabinet ministers would fall into the bastard category in being determined to pull away rather than integrate with Europe.

## Why will single currency be so important?

**Alex Brummer** explains what the euro means for business, Britain and Europe

**W**HAT is the single currency? To be called the euro, will be the legal tender of those countries that wish to join the European Monetary Union (EMU) and decide to do so on January 1, 1999. The UK will almost certainly meet all the conditions to join. But as a result of the deal negotiated by John Major at Maastricht, Britain and Denmark have the choice of opting out.

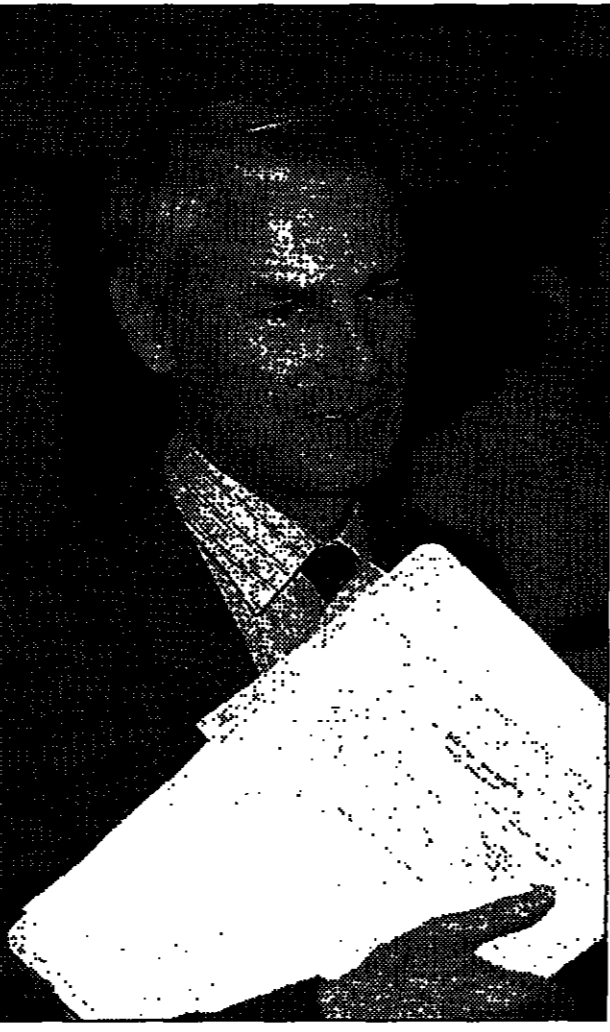
attack on de-regulation in Britain can be embarrassing for Mr Major for going too far in support of Europe.

Mr Heathcoat-Amory, aged 47, a Scottish landowner, is a nephew of Viscount Amory, a Tory chancellor under Harold Macmillan. He can be assured of a higher profile by quitting.

The Conservative MP for Wells has always been on the Tory libertarian right. He was a regular member of the No Turning Back dining club in the 1980s alongside colleagues destined to join the Cabinet, including Mr Forsyth and Mr Lilley.

### Europe: Who stands where in the cabinet

 Michael Heseltine Deputy Prime Minister Furiously pro-Europe	 Kenneth Clarke Chancellor Savagely pro-Europe	 John Gummer Environment Secretary Embarrassingly pro-Europe	 Ian Lang President of the Board of Trade Pro-Europe	 Malcolm Rifkind Foreign Secretary Pro-Europe	 Stephen Dorrell Health Secretary Pro-Europe	 Sir George Young Transport Secretary Pro-Europe
 Lord Mackay Lord Chancellor Not really interested	 William Waldegrave Chief Secretary Faiy	 Tony Newton Lord President of Commons No view, slavish to PM's whims	 Virginia Bottomley Heritage Secretary Doesn't understand it	 Viscount Cranborne Speaker of House of Lords Sceptically inclined	 Douglas Hogg Agriculture Secretary No good in Europe	
 Michael Forsyth Home Secretary Pro-Europe	 Peter Lilley Secretary of State for Wales Slightly pro-Europe	 Michael Portillo Secretary of State for Wales Two faced, but pro-Europe	 Michael Forsyth Secretary of State for Wales Two faced, but pro-Europe	 William Hague Foreign Secretary Pro-Europe		



Monetary union would anger David Heathcoat-Amory (left) but be a boon for travellers who have to wrestle with exchange rates



that it could sell euro-denominated tickets in all EMU states, and no longer worry about foreign currency losses. The City is concerned that, if Britain is not part of EMU, London could gradually lose its edge as Europe's main financial centre — and there would also be the loss of tens of thousands of City jobs.

## Tory dining club 'corrupt'

David Hencke Westminster Correspondent

**L**ABOUR last night demanded an Inland Revenue inquiry and a full explanation from the Government of the disclosure that John Major and cabinet colleagues were being hired out to dine with wealthy business people in return for donations of up to £100,000 each to the Conservative Party.

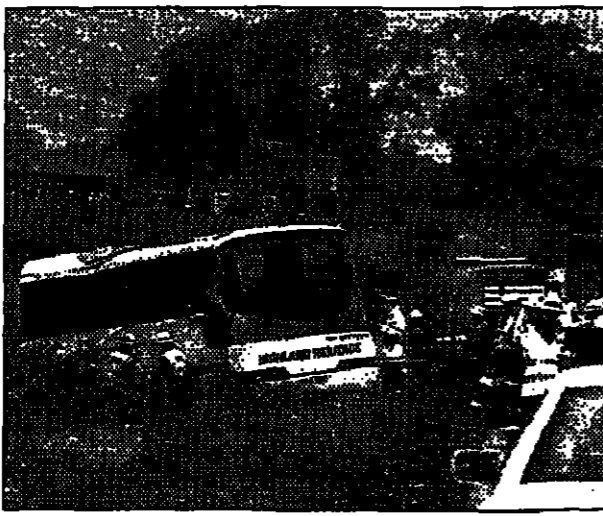
Robin Cook, Labour's foreign affairs spokesman, said the payments amounted to "corruption" following the disclosure that one of the diners has been shortlisted in a consortium bid to buy Ministry of Defence homes being put for sale by Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, for £1.8 billion.

Labour yesterday seized on the taped disclosure by Mrs Frenn that donations could be hidden in company accounts under pre-profit expenditure. Political donations have to be declared by companies and cannot be offset against tax.

## Coach crash injures 14

John Arlidge

**F**OURTEEN people were in hospital last night, three with serious injuries, after a coach carrying 52 holidaymakers plunged down an embankment and overturned at Balloch, Strathclyde.



Rescue teams at the crash scene in Balloch, Strathclyde.

The three were being treated for arm, neck and head injuries at the Southern General hospital in Glasgow. The arm of a man, aged 76, was severed. His wife, who was also on the coach but not badly hurt, was at his bedside last night.

The condition of three others being treated for arm and head injuries at the Royal Alexandra hospital, Paisley, was described as stable.

## Hospitality of Irish president tested by intruder out for a bit of fishing

David Sharrock Ireland Correspondent

**A**CANDLE burns in the window of the home of the Irish president for all those Irish who have left to seek a living abroad, but a state of unwelcome visitors threatens to snuff out the welcoming message.

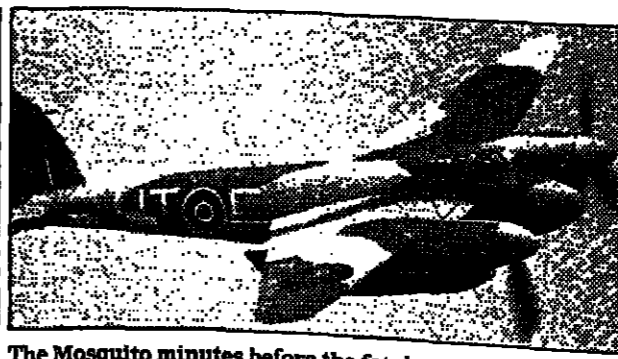
President Mary Robinson has had her country's famous hospitality tested to the limit by having personally to evict a man fishing in the grounds of her official residence.

Andrew Breslin, 18, is not the first Dubliner to penetrate the security cordon at Aras an Uachtairain in Phoenix Park, and the frequency with which Mrs Robinson has been disturbed is causing severe embarrassment to the Garda Síochána.

## Last Mosquito crashes

Stuart Miller

**A** CHAPTER of aviation history ended in tragedy yesterday when the world's last airworthy Mosquito fighter-bomber crashed during an air display, killing both pilot and navigator.



The Mosquito minutes before the fatal crash

Hundreds of spectators at the Barton Air Show in Salford, Greater Manchester, watched as the plane went down in woodland a mile west of the airfield.

The pilot and navigator, who were not being named until next of kin had been informed, were found dead in the cockpit.



News in brief

Warning 'rave' drive

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Hospitals wait

Seven share lot

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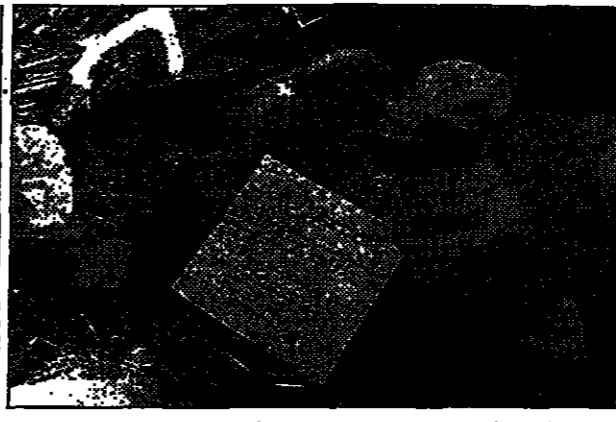
# Cornish town mourns girl's murder in France

Geoffrey Gibbs on a community reeling from a 'heinous' crime that turned a school trip to tragedy



High art... Eight characters from the Australian group Strange Field on four metre tall poles perform the Field outside the Royal Festival Hall, London, in which they dance and twist to embrace each other. PHOTOGRAPH BY MARTIN GODWIN

LOSS and grief pervaded Launceston yesterday, as residents of the Cornish town tried to come to terms with the murder of Caroline Dickinson, the 13-year-old raped and smothered in a youth hostel dormitory while on a school trip to France.



A teddy bear tribute at Launceston College to Caroline

As people gathered in the town's churches to say special prayers for Caroline and her family, messages left with the bouquets beneath a tree on Launceston College lawns provided a poignant reminder of the quiet and gentle child who set off for Pleine Fougères in Brittany only a week ago.

Caroline, an angel lent to us, now returned to Heaven, read one. A friend called Beth wrote of Caroline's kindness and said she had left a soft toy because she knew Caroline loved cats. 'I will always miss you for we have really been best friends,' she wrote.

had been escorted to Cherbourg by French police and were kept away from other passengers on the Brittany Ferries trip to Poole, Dorset.

Caroline was raped and murdered as she slept on a mattress on the floor of the hostel room she was sharing with four other pupils. The party of 48 children and five adults had set out from Launceston last Sunday on a week-long educational visit arranged to give the 13- and 14-year-olds the chance to practise their French, sample French food and visit Bayeux and Mont St Michel. The hostel, chosen because of its quiet but central location, had been used by the 1,200-strong secondary school for its annual Activity Week trips for the past three years.

## News in brief

### Warning on 'rave' drug

DRUGS sold at a rave in Bletchley, Buckinghamshire, attended by thousands of teenagers were mixed with a substance that could be highly dangerous, police said warned night. They urged anyone who bought amphetamines at the party to seek medical help if they felt side effects. Two people are in hospital after taking the drug, and 17 have been arrested on drugs and robbery charges. More than 30 police swooped on the rave at Denbigh leisure complex as part of Operation Fandango and searched some revellers.

### Elderly 'want to stay home'

ELDERLY people want help to go on living in their own homes more than they want higher pensions, a survey today has suggested. The poll of 1,220 clients of Anchor Trust, which provides housing and care for older people, asked which issues would be likely to affect their vote at the general election. Seventy-one per cent said higher state pensions, 76 per cent said tax cuts for older people, but 89 per cent picked improved local services to support older people at home.

### Hospitals waits rise again

HOSPITAL waiting times have started to rise again, according to a Labour Party survey of the English health regions. Those having to wait longer than a year for treatment increased from below 4,000 to more than 7,000 from the end of March to the end of May, the party estimates. Ministers and senior NHS officials have warned that waiting times are likely to rise this year because of the tight financial position of health authorities. However, the trend was not expected to show so soon.

### Unplanned trip for landlord

A PUB landlord recently had to make an unexpected 200-mile round trip after failing to get off a train in time when he was seeing his daughter off. Passengers have been warned that new safety doors are locked centrally by drivers and cannot be unlocked by platform guards. They were introduced to prevent people from falling or stepping out of moving trains.

### Mark Phillips consoles Diana

CAPTAIN Mark Phillips, in Atlanta for the Olympic Games, offered consoling words to the Princess of Wales over her divorce. 'Time is a great healer,' he said. The former husband of the Princess Royal added: 'When things like this happen you just have to get on with life.'

### Seven share lottery jackpot

THERE were seven winners of Saturday's £9.9 million National Lottery jackpot, Camelot said. Each will receive £1,426,747 after picking 14, 44, 6, 25, 34 and 20. A further 19 will receive £161,736 each after matching five balls plus the bonus, 45.

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# Cover-up claim as officials stay silent

## TWA 800: caution whets an appetite for conspiracy

Jonathan Freedland in Washington

ALTHOUGH the enigma of TWA Flight 800 is only five days old, the lack of hard evidence, the American news machine's hunger for fresh material and a national penchant for paranoia have made a veritable industry of suspicion and conspiracy theory.

Protests from grieving relatives and angry political leaders have led to allegations that the government is hiding something and lent credibility to a growing range of explanations — some of them outlandish — for the incident, in which 230 people died.

Ron Dwyer, who lost his 11-year-old daughter Carolyn in Wednesday's crash off Long Island, told reporters yesterday: "I believe there is enough information to know what happened."

"In my opinion, information is being withheld or suppressed until the [Olympic] games are up and running so that the terrorists can't claim victory."

ment act of violence against the United States. But Mr McCurry said the message was no different from the constant drumbeat of threats from militant Islamic groups which appeared almost daily in the region, and could also be read on the Internet.

Critics hint that the administration is playing down the possibility of terrorism, not only because of the political cost but also because officials may have something to hide. Some speculate that TWA Flight 800 will come to be seen as a repeat of Pan Am Flight 103's crash at Lockerbie in 1988, which provoked accusations that warnings were not heeded.

They cite mysterious reports of an Arab man linked to the fundamentalist Hizbullah group apprehended on Wednesday at Athens airport — where the flight that became TWA 800 originated.

State department officials insist that the man arrived after the TWA jet had taken off and that he was heading for Beirut. In that case, why did the Greek authorities alert US officials? Conspiracy theorists suggest that the faxed letter and the Greek episode were signs of trouble which were ignored.

Speculation about a cover-up has been further increased by TWA's now notorious 16-hour delay in confirming who was on the flight.

Most blame the airline, but others were intrigued by its claim that the passenger list was withheld because the National Transportation Safety Board insisted on hearing the names first.

"That is an outright lie," said the NTSSB's spokesman, Peter Goetz. But TWA's claim has fed suspicion that the government is deliberately putting the brakes on the inquiry — even leaving local pathologists to handle the huge task of body identification without federal back-up.

The wildest speculation centres on a Washington rumour that New York Air National Guard training exercises were taking place over Moriches Bay, Long Island, at the exact time of the crash.

An aviation expert told the Guardian yesterday that federal investigators should examine whether TWA Flight 800 was accidentally struck by a flare or weapon from an Air Guard plane. Such an occurrence would certainly explain a cover-up, he said.

Another theory gained some ground yesterday when federal investigators said they were leaving open the possibility that the Boeing 747-100 was hit by a ground-launched anti-aircraft missile. At least two witnesses said they saw an upward streak of light just before the plane burst into flames.

The investigation continues.



Friends at a memorial service in Montoursville, Pennsylvania, remember three teenagers who died in the crash. PHOTOGRAPH BARBARA JOHNSTON

## French grieve quietly for lost compatriots

Matthew McAllester reports from the town of Roubaix on a community dealing with the death of a promising young son

SLAMMING his ice hockey stick around the flat, Michel Breistroff used to make so much noise as a child that his neighbours in Roubaix could hear the budding star through the walls.

"I used to hear him early in the morning," said Michel Delporte, who lives opposite. "He was always very keen on sport, like the rest of his family." At the weekend, there was silence at the family home. Breistroff, an ice hockey star who was returning from studying at Harvard, died aged 25 on Wednesday evening when TWA Flight 800 crashed. His parents have flown to New York, where they hope to recover his body.

The silence in the Roubaix town mirrored the quiet way the French are grieving for their 46 countrymen who died in the disaster. Relatives of the victims are crying behind closed doors or sharing their pain with American parents at the Ramada Inn at Kennedy Airport. Those unconnected to the dead passengers, except by nationality and geography, continue with their lives, but their thoughts and conversations show a preoccupation with the crash.

"We weren't checked. If we'd been carrying a bomb, we could have given it to an accomplice guarding the plane," the France Info reporter said.

"He said he and a reporter from Radio France Internationale, both without tickets, got in by walking against the flow of passengers leaving the terminal. They eventually reached gate 25 where passengers were boarding a flight to Puerto Rico. The reporter said they took photographs to prove it. — Reuter.

ated was losing an only son and brother, a rising star in an obviously close family with a strong sporting tradition.

"His grandfather was a very well-known basketball player in his time, and his uncle was also a famous rugby player," Delporte said. "Michel played hockey for years. He went to school in Canada when he was 15 or 16. And then, of course, he gained entry to this very prestigious college, Harvard, where he continued to play."

Investigators tried to show how the search is being hampered by flying three relatives over the crash scene on Saturday. Yesterday, relatives attended a memorial service at New York's JFK airport.

## Nixon reviled Hillary Clinton as 'an ice-cold piece of work'

A new book looks at the ex-president's relationship with the White House, Ian Katz in New York reports



Richard Nixon, left, found the younger man 'poised', while Bill Clinton asked his predecessor's advice about Russia.

Boris Yeltsin and fretted that his sweeping defence cuts might be too deep. Mr Nixon told Ms Crowley afterwards that the 40-minute call was better than any conversation he had had with Presidents Bush or Reagan. "This was a different cup of tea. He really let his hair down. This guy does a lot of thinking."

Later that month President Clinton invited Mr Nixon to the White House, a move which was seen as a milestone in the political rehabilitation of the former president, forced out of office under threat of impeachment in 1974.

Mr Nixon and President Clinton drank diet Cokes together. Though he complained that Hillary was "ice-cold" during the meeting, Mr Nixon was impressed with his host. "He was poised, intelligent, imaginative and self-confident," he told Ms Crowley. "He's president and he knows it."

## Adultery no bar to SPD hopeful

Denis Staunton in Berlin

FOUR months after an acrimonious marital split threatened to end his political career, Lower Saxony's premier, Gerhard Schröder, has bounced back. Senior Social Democrats said yesterday that Mr Schröder, aged 52, is the party's only hope at the next general election of regaining power the party has not held since 1983. They urged members to unite behind him as the challenger to Chancellor Helmut Kohl in the 1998 polls.

"The closer the election day approaches, the stronger the pressure within the party will become," said party veteran Erwin Horn. "We want to win. That is why I believe the SPD will have to choose Schröder. He is simply the strongest."

The Social Democrats continue to trail Mr Kohl's centre-right coalition, despite the government's proposed public spending cuts and growing opposition to a single Euro-

pean currency. Christian Democrats now make no secret of their expectation that the chancellor will stand for election again in 1998, breaking a promise he made to voters to step down during this term.

The government has long regarded Mr Schröder as its most dangerous adversary because he campaigns aggressively and appeals to centre voters.

But some commentators predicted that, after Mr Schröder's break-up with his popular wife, Hiltrud, in March, the damage to his image would be permanent.

German journalists abandoned their customary discretion about politicians' private lives when Mrs Schröder threw out her husband after he admitted an affair with a woman 19 years his junior. But he has remained popular, lagging only eight points behind Mr Kohl in opinion polls, compared with the SPD chairman Oskar Lafontaine's 18-point gap.

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relationship between the two presidents — separated by age, ideology and background — based on notes of her conversations with Mr Nixon during the last four years of his life.

She claims he predicted that Mr Clinton would not be damaged by revelations during the 1992 campaign that he had committed adultery. "He seems too slippery to have anything like this stick," he told her.

But Mr Nixon was incensed at the idea that a Vietnam draft dodger might become president. "He was no conscientious objector; he was a selfish, spoiled brat. He made my job harder and he sent God knows how many men to their deaths in his place."

Friday's main stage headliner, Neil Young, was amazingly lifelike at first, but quickly got embroiled in endless guitar jams that, like an oil tanker at sea, took about 40 minutes to stop. Caroline Sullivan

Bodies give no hint of bomb

Ian Katz in New York

NONE of the bodies recovered so far from last week's TWA disaster off Long Island has shown signs that they died as a result of a bomb blast, said the medical examiner's office which is conducting post-mortem examinations.

Of the 100 bodies recovered, 23 had been identified, Robert Bonatemp, a spokesman for the Suffolk County medical examiner, said yesterday. None had yet provided significant clues.

The body acts as a trap for projectiles when a bomb explodes and we have not yet seen any bodies that would indicate that there was a type of bomb," Mr Bonatemp said.

He also said there were no heat burns to suggest a bomb exploded on the plane.

Crash investigators hoped yesterday that improving weather might allow divers to use underwater cameras to examine a large object they believe may be the fuselage of the Boeing 747 which plunged into the Atlantic on Wednesday.

Experts are reported to be perplexed by the failure of investigators to pick up electronic signals from the aircraft's so-called "black box" recorders on the seabed.

On Saturday investigators using navy sonar equipment to follow a trail of wreckage did locate a 15-ft-high object 120ft down off eastern Long Island.

Yesterday, conditions improved and officials were hopeful that the recovery of a large piece of wreckage, possibly the aircraft's fuselage, could provide clues to the last moments of Flight 800.

"If we have a substantial piece of the wreckage, that's what we've been waiting for," said Robert Francis, vice-chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board.

Meanwhile, officials sought to placate more than 150 families angered by delays to the search and the apparent lack of urgency by pathologists in identifying their relatives.

New York's governor, George Pataki, ordered five state pathologists to help the medical examiners who will now work round the clock to identify victims.

Investigators tried to show how the search is being hampered by flying three relatives over the crash scene on Saturday. Yesterday, relatives attended a memorial service at New York's JFK airport.

FBI agents, meanwhile, were flying to Athens to establish whether there was a security breach at Hellenikon airport, which the TWA jet left for New York on July 17.

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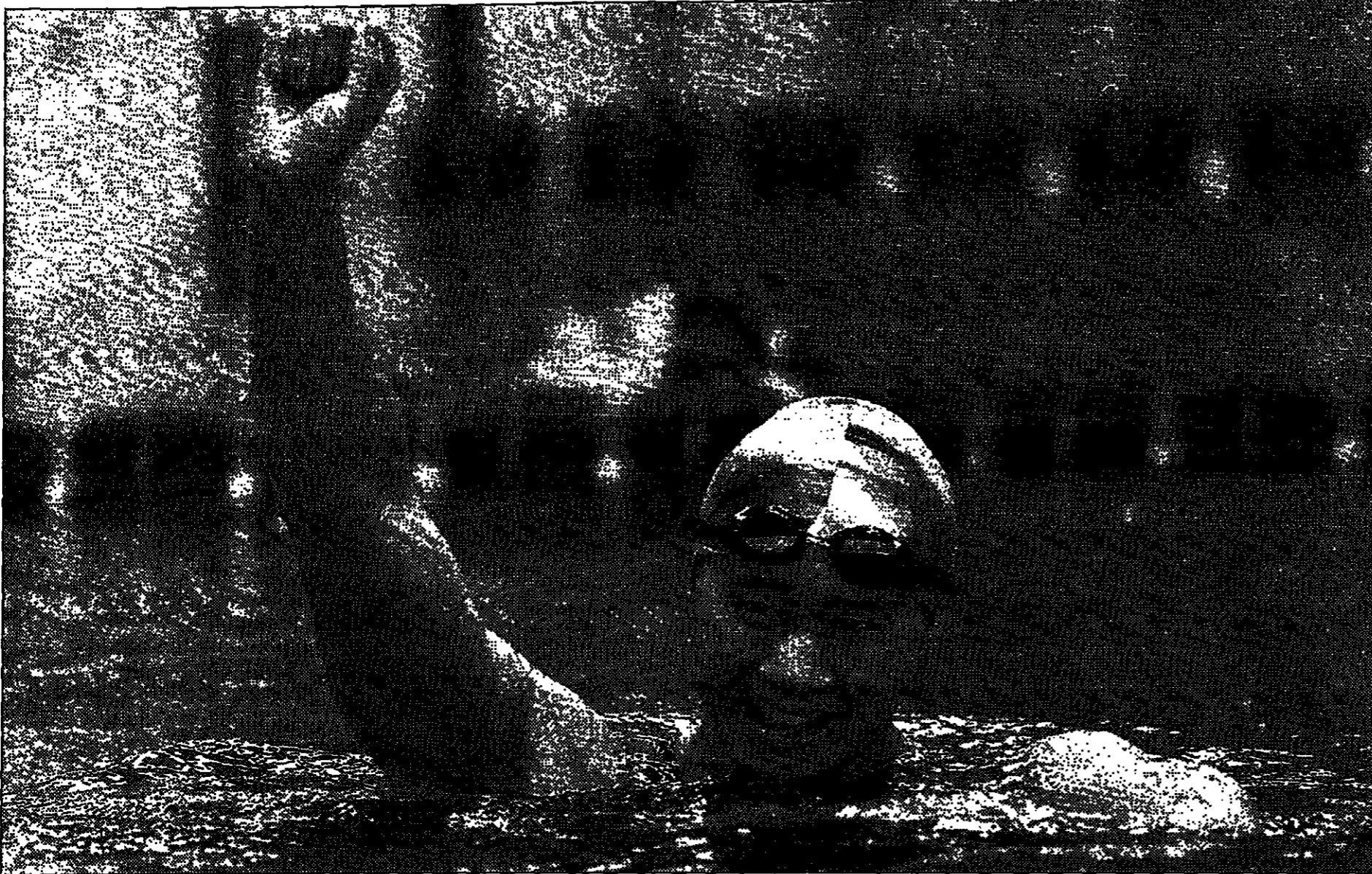
12 SPORT/OLYMPIC GAMES

All cut up by cruel twist with a sabre

Fencing Frank Keating

BRITAIN'S sole male fencer, James Williams, lived Andy Warhol's definition of life with a vengeance when his daring first-round attack in the sabre competition dramatically put out the American fencing legend Peter Westbrook...

The first-round victory over Westbrook was a famous one to be sure. The memory will keep him warm on those cold winter drives of the next four years. Westbrook was taking part in his sixth Olympics; he won the bronze in 1984...



Away winner... Li Jingyi of China celebrates gold in the 100m freestyle but the mainly American audience saved their cheers for the US bronze medal winner Angel Martino

Super-improved Smith gives an Irish answer to the Chinese puzzle in the pool

Swimming David Hopps

LJINGYI was in a no-win situation. Swim brilliantly and she would invite suspicion that drugs in Chinese swimming had still to be eradicated. Fail and she would encourage further self-righteous condemnation of her country's deceitful past.

It was not until much later that Li Jingyi appeared with her coach Zhou Ming. Asked why Yanyan Wu and Yan Chen, ranked No. 1 and 2 in the world in the 400m individual medley, swam 13 seconds below their qualifying times...



Eyes are smiling... Michelle Smith shows her gold medal, Ireland's first for women's swimming

tried to translate some of the quality of track and field training into swimming. I've done more sprint work and these days I'm lighter, leaner and fitter. This has not been a sudden explosion, it has been three years' hard work.

Pickering suffers from absence of Champion form

PEERING through a pair of binoculars high in the stand, Dave Champion knew that Karen Pickering was not swimming well, but he could not begin to explain why.

area, perhaps followed by some words of encouragement on a hired mobile phone, could not reconcile Pickering to the official absence of the coach who has supported her since she began to swim in 1982.

only 12th-fastest and 0.6sec away from a place in the final. She had switched from the new-fangled body suit to a more traditional design, but out of necessity rather than choice.

Double Dutch frustration for Stevens

Judo Peter Nichols

PETER STEVENS, who won a silver medal in Barcelona, went out in the second round yesterday. He lost to Bernardus Sonnemans who has given him a miserable year, having also defeated him in the European championships at The Hague in May.

first round to defeat Karin Kleinhuis, the Dutchwoman who took silver at The Hague. Against Tanabe she quickly went a koka down and then committed the near cardinal sin of using the referee initially scored a yuko for Howey.

Yesterday's results

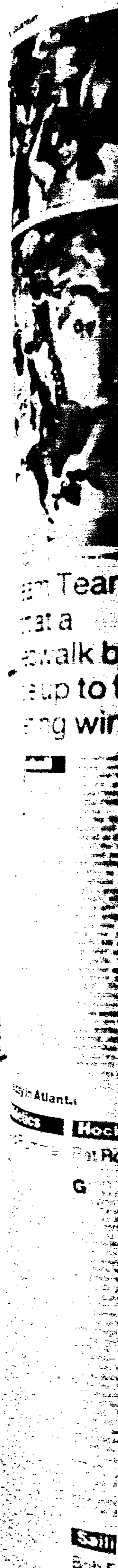
Basketball Women's preliminary round Group B: Ukraine 61, Canada 55. Fencing Women's individual sabre Quarter-finals: D Tseyva (F) 15-14, S Pridemayeva (RUS) 15-14, J Bannerman (HUN) 15-14, J Bannerman (HUN) 15-14, J Bannerman (HUN) 15-14.

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Shooting Women's 10m air pistol Preliminary round: 1, M. Logvinenko (RUS) 200; 2, O. Kozlovskaya (RUS) 198; 3, M. Salazar (ESP) 197; 4, M. Salazar (ESP) 196; 5, M. Salazar (ESP) 195; 6, M. Salazar (ESP) 194; 7, M. Salazar (ESP) 193; 8, M. Salazar (ESP) 192; 9, M. Salazar (ESP) 191; 10, M. Salazar (ESP) 190.



Point taken... Margherita Zalaffi of Italy celebrates her win over Eva Ittner in the épée





Uneasy dreamers... the crowd was eventually able to cheer a US victory, but it took a while for Shaquille O'Neal (right, making a hook shot). Mitch Richmond (left) and their team-mates to overcome a spirited Argentinian opening MICHAEL STEELE

# Dream Teamers start at a sleepwalk but wake up to their opening win

**Basketball**  
Richard Williams

THEY invented the telephone, but the Atlanta phone system is in chaos. They are a nation born out of the urge to transport people across vast distances with speed and safety, but the Olympic transportation service is, at best, a some time thing. Americans can still do one thing well, though. They can still play basketball.

The advantage after another sloppy turnover. A few minutes later the biggest certainties for gold in the whole Games were still down. 13-10. The United States' starting line-up — Miller, Stockton, Charles Barkley, David Robinson and Scottie Pippen — looked as though they had not heard the wake-up call. They dropped passes, they ran into one another, they fouled constantly as they realised that Argentina had come to give them a game.

Esplu, who was to finish as the night's top individual scorer with 27 points (including a trio of three-pointers), was the man who looked worth \$20 million a year for the next seven years — not Shaquille O'Neal, who will earn that money as a result of his move to the Los Angeles Lakers. Shaq closed the half by missing two free-throws and seemed to have Malibu on his mind.

As a spectator sport, basketball works only when it is played superlatively well. Either that or when men who are known for playing it superlatively well are humbled by players without reputation or riches. Argentina were never going to win this game, but it was some achievement to turn round at half-time only 46-44 down to a team whose predecessors had averaged 43.8 points a game more than their opponents in Barcelona four years ago.

The members of Dream Team III have to live with the legacy of Michael Jordan, Magic Johnson, Larry Bird and Patrick Ewing. Their coach Lenny Wilkens used the half-time break to remind them of their responsibilities, and on their return they blitzed a dozen points in the blink of an eye.

Pippen, Gary Payton and Hakeem Olajuwon put themselves on the scoreboard, and suddenly the night looked different. Antonee Hardaway, so quick and loose, and the supersmooth forward Grant Hill gave the US the veneer of champions. The whole team stepped up a gear, opening an

offensive that led to victory by a final margin of 96-68. Afterwards their coach admitted to early misgivings. "I thought we were very careless with the ball at the beginning of the game," Wilkens said. "We were standing around way too much. At half-time we talked about our assignments and when we came out we were much more aggressive on defence. We were able to push the game away from them."

Other teams, he thought, were no longer in such awe of the US. "The gap is getting narrower. We have to make things happen. We cannot just show up." Robinson, the 7ft 1in centre from San Antonio who finished as his side's top scorer with 18 points, added: "It's our job to recreate that awe. If we go out and play like we did tonight, other teams are going to think that they can beat us." In turn the Argentinians



## The day in Atlanta

**Athletics**  
David Plummer

THE fitness of Kelly Holmes, one of Britain's best medal prospects in Atlanta, has been called into question after the middle-distance runner issued a mysterious denial that she was having difficulties.

**Hockey**  
Pat Rowley

GREAT BRITAIN'S heavy price for taking part in the Olympic opening ceremony on Friday less than 24 hours before meeting the South Koreans in their first match at Morris Brown College.

**Cycling**  
Stephen Bierley

AFTER 12 years of trying to break the early British dominance in the event, the outstanding cyclist of her generation, finally won an Olympic gold medal yesterday with victory in the women's road race.

**Baseball**  
Men's preliminaries

United States 4, Nicaragua 1; Cuba 19, Australia 8; Japan 12, Netherlands 2.

**Basketball**  
Men's preliminaries

Yug 71, Greece 46; USA 111, 5 Korea 68; China 70, Angola 67; Lithuania 81, Croatia 81; Brazil 101, P. R. China 58; USA 98, Argentina 68.

**Boxing**  
Bantamweight 54kg

Final: Russia's D. Zhuravskiy (RUS) bt S. Atabekbayev (KAZ) 5-0. Semifinal: D. Zhuravskiy (RUS) bt H. Song (CHN) 5-0. Quarterfinal: D. Zhuravskiy (RUS) bt H. Song (CHN) 5-0.

**Swimming**  
Men's 100m freestyle

Final: L. Jilnyy (CHN) 54.50; S. B. Gergely (HUN) 54.85; J. Lutz (USA) 55.17; S. M. Norwode (GER) 55.42; A. Van Dyken (USA) 55.11; S. F. van Alphen (NED) 55.59; S. P. Ryan (AUS) 55.85; T. M. Jacobson (CAN) 56.07; S. K. Brice (GBR) 56.13.

**Water Polo**  
Men's preliminaries

Hungary 8, Russia 7; Yug 11, Neth 8; Italy 10, US 7; Croatia 6, Greece 5; Spain 6, Germany 3; Ukraine 6, Romania 6.

## Today in Atlanta

**Artistic gymnastics** Team optional (m), Individual all-around (m), Floor exercise (m), Vault (m), Balance beam (m), Uneven bars (m).

**Badminton** Men's singles (m), Women's singles (m), Men's doubles (m), Women's doubles (m), Mixed doubles (m).

**Baseball** Men's preliminary round.

**Basketball** Men's preliminary round.

**Boxing** Men's preliminary round.

**Canoeing** Men's preliminary round.

**Cycling** Men's preliminary round.

**Fencing** Men's preliminary round.

**Gymnastics** Men's preliminary round.

**Hockey** Men's preliminary round.

**Judo** Men's preliminary round.

**Rowing** Men's preliminary round.

**Sailing** Men's preliminary round.

**Shooting** Men's preliminary round.

**Swimming** Men's preliminary round.

**Table Tennis** Men's preliminary round.

**Tennis** Men's preliminary round.

**Volleyball** Men's preliminary round.

**Weightlifting** Men's preliminary round.

**Wrestling** Men's preliminary round.

**Yachting** Men's preliminary round.

14 SPORT/RACING

David Loder's filly ready to tackle July Cup winner. Graham Rock reports

Blue Duster back with a polished performance

BLUE DUSTER, the original ante-post favourite for the 1,000 Guineas, made a belated but successful reappearance in the Tunstall Pines Conditions Stakes at Yarmouth yesterday.

David Loder's unbeaten stable star won smoothly by a length and three-quarters from Unconditional on the straight, but Duster missed the first fillies' Classic because of a recurring muscle problem in her back.

The Prix Maurice de Gheest at Deauville, over six and a half furlongs, was the Duster's next race when she might encounter the impressive July Cup winner, Anaba.

Anthony Stroud, Sheikh Mohammed's racing manager, said: "He'll be a tough nut to crack, but they water the course well there, and she'll appreciate that."

Pentire and Shaamit please

PENTIRE and Shaamit, first and second favourites for the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes on Saturday, pleased in their gallop on July Course at Newmarket yesterday, writes Graham Rock.

Pentire, led by Young Buster and First Island, went nine furlongs with Michael Roberts on board for the first time. The South African will ride the colt at Ascot if Michael Hills's appeal fails on Wednesday.

A lazy worker at home, Pentire moved up to join First Island in the closing stages. "It went fine," said Geoff Whragge. "He worked very nicely, and we will give him a little blow on Thursday to complete his preparation."

Shaamit, who has not run since winning the Derby in June, exercised over seven furlongs. He was accompanied by Top Guide, who was accompanied by the Royal Hunt Cup winner Yeast.



Star turn... Blue Duster, with Mick Kinane riding, returns with a win at Yarmouth yesterday. PHOTOGRAPH: JASON DAWSON

Southwell all-weather card with form guide

Table listing race numbers, names, and times for Southwell all-weather races.

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## Ali's appearance was about the very nature of sport. About what it can do for a man and what it can do to him



Richard Williams

ON THE rim of the stadium a speck of a figure held a flaming torch in front of 85,000 people. One look at the giant screen told us who it was.

"Ali!"

It is a fair bet that Atlanta's Olympic Games will have no

moment to offer that is more hair-raisingly emotional, more harrowing and uplifting, than the appearance of Muhammad Ali at 28 minutes past midnight on Saturday morning, as the climax to the opening ceremony.

Time seemed to stop as Ali stood there while we — and the three billion estimated viewers around the world — registered the shock of his appearance, and some of its many layers of significance.

He was trying to stand still. The torch was in his right hand. The left, held across his chest, shook uncontrollably. This was the hand with which he had jabbed Zbigniew Pietrzykowski of Poland to defeat at the Rome Games

in 1960. The hand that had unlicked the defences of Liston, Patterson, Frazier, Foreman. A hand of devastating speed and accuracy.

And now here the hand was, exposed along with the rest of him to the biggest audience even he — the world's most famous and best-loved sports figure — had ever faced, and it was giving us the full distressing evidence of his condition.

Eventually, and with agonising slowness, he turned and held the torch towards the ball of wick which, once ignited, would be whisked up a cable to light the Olympic cauldron.

But the wick wouldn't light. As Ali stood, holding the torch to the wick, the breeze

up there on the stadium rim blew the flame back towards his sleeve. He seemed helpless. The moment was terrifying.

Eventually the wick caught and Ali stepped safely back. As we watched the Olympic flame shoot into the sky, he was led away and down into the back of a waiting van.

It was just about all anyone in the stadium could talk about afterwards.

We had admired the shadow-play evocation of ancient Greece, swooned at the butterfly ballet, giggled at the hot-pink cheerleaders and the chrome pick-up trucks, tingled with a guilty thrill when the F16 Fighting Falcons buzzed the stadium just as the final notes of the Star-Span-

gled Banner were dying away.

But Ali's appearance was not about entertainment and/or global cheerleading. First of all, it was about the very nature of sport. About what it can do for a man, and what it can do to him.

Ali's sport was boxing, which is vexatious enough. There are many people who would like to see it removed from the Olympic schedule, and then from sport as a whole. And Ali's condition — even though none of us can say for sure and certain that his case of Parkinson's disease was caused by the punches he took over a period of 20 years — is Exhibit A in the prosecution's case.

The defence says this. That

boxing made Ali one of the most potent symbols the modern world has seen. That through it he became a force for good. That he continues to this day to do good, through appearances which remind us — even, by now, those whose parents weren't born when he won his medal — that a man does not always have to settle for the life into which he is born, and that he can stand up and talk back, as long as he is prepared to face the consequences.

Those consequences were what we also thought about in that sudden moment on Saturday. Quite possibly no man was ever prouder of his Olympic gold medal than the 18-year-old Cassius Clay.

He was even proud of being

an American. After the final, a Soviet journalist had asked him how he felt about segregation back home in Kentucky. "Russian, we got qualified men working on that problem," he retorted. "We got the biggest and the prettiest cars. We get all the food we can eat."

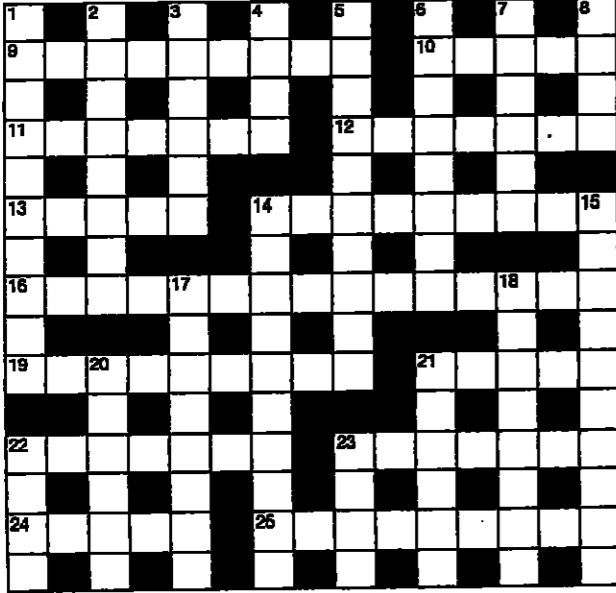
"America is the greatest country in the world, and as far as places I can't eat goes, I got lots of places I can eat — more places than I can't."

His simple patriotism didn't last. In his autobiography he told of how when he returned to Louisville his father had decorated the porch of their house with American flags and painted the steps red, white and blue. But a few months later, after

he and a friend had fought off a gang of white youths after being refused service in a whites-only restaurant, Clay walked to the middle of a bridge and threw his precious medal into the Ohio River. "I felt a new, secret strength," he wrote. Muhammad Ali was born that day.

There are many had things about Atlanta's Olympic Games, and some of them have to do with the questions raised by Ali's appearance. But the decision to invite him to show himself to us, to demonstrate that there are other stories that come after all the stuff about faster, higher and stronger, was a brave and intelligent one. He shone. And so, for a minute, in all our confusion, did we.

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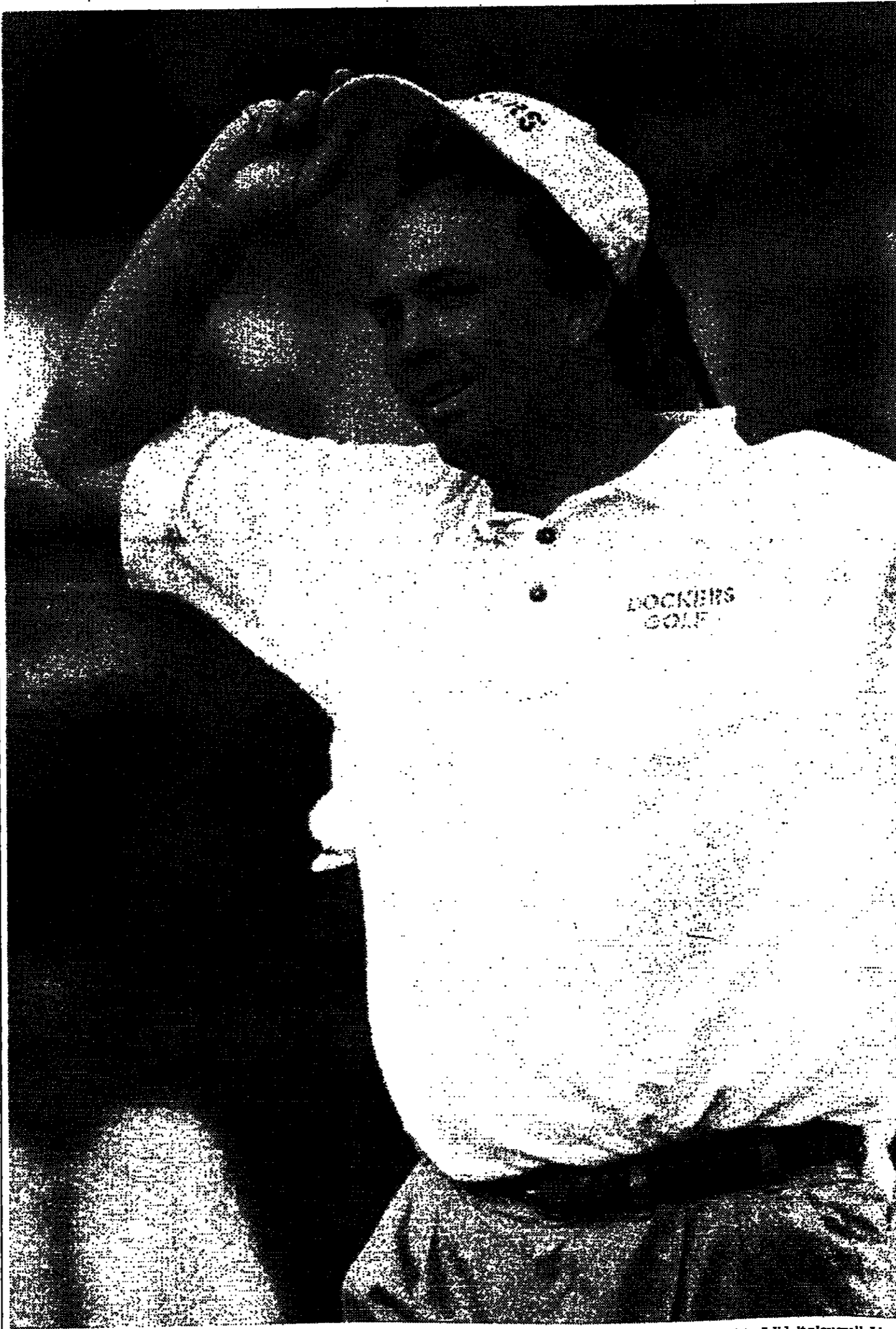


- Across**
- 9 Defer till end of holiday perhaps (5,4)
  - 10 Accomplished in one department (5)
  - 11 Conjoined in rough ride on sheep-back (7)
  - 12 Couturier overcome by your Adam's apple? (7)
  - 13 Remained reportedly steady (5)
  - 14 Music driving churchman to drink (9)
  - 16 Choosing where one lives as a means of wooing voters (8,7)
  - 19 Plant proving money-maker on spare plot (9)
  - 21 Carries on for financial reward (5)
  - 22 To a bird, one drink (7)
  - 23 Footballers in their place of entertainment (3,4)
  - 24 Poles to get outside support in time (5)
  - 25 Flight name perhaps for a horrifying experience (9)
- Down**
- 1 Are they the best teachers of art? (3,7)
  - 2 Vehicle bearing (8)
  - 3 Time for hurt pride about nothing (5)
  - 4 Very keen to see singer's come-back (4)
  - 5 Reformer in favour of worker being put on trial (10)
  - 6 Formative time for young gangster (8)
  - 7 Iron-road headgear? (8)
  - 8 Boss with a way acceptable to many (4)
  - 14 Stipulations on food (10)
  - 15 Simple way to find a comfortable situation (4,6)
  - 17 Insects' time to rest perhaps (5)
  - 18 Encourages a boy to have a meal (3,5)
  - 20 Message conveying money to queen (5)
  - 21 The war tribute to the departed (8)
  - 22 Child-power it is said (4)
  - 23 External protection for a Roman goat? (4)
- Solution tomorrow**

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# Lehman's Open



David Davies on the Open at Lytham

**F**IFTEEN months ago Tom Lehman was under the surgeon's knife for cancer of the colon.

Yesterday, at Royal Lytham St Annes, he became the champion golfer of the year, as the Royal and Ancient quaintly calls the man who becomes Open champion Lehman, who had led by six shots overnight from Nick Faldo, eventually won by two from Mark McCumber and Ernie Els, with Faldo fourth, three behind the winner.

The champion's final round of 73, two over par, was good enough for a 271 total, bettering that of Severiano Ballesteros, who won the last Open here in 1982, by two shots. Faldo, whose third successive 68 on Saturday took him past Jack Nicklaus's record of 32 rounds of under 70 in the Open, had a fourth successive sub-par round but 70 was never going to be good enough yesterday.

Afterwards Lehman, whose first major title earned him £200,000, admitted that "it was not pretty but it was gritty. It was a struggle. I didn't play well. I had no rhythm but I stuck it out and I came through." He also admitted that the crowd's welcome as he walked the final fairway gave him "tingles up and down my spine and tears in my eyes". He went on: "My last putt was only three feet and I was lagging it. I didn't want to have on my grave-stone, 'Tom Lehman, he couldn't win the big one'."

It was a great effort from a man who, a week after the 1995 Masters, was operated on for cancer. He was out of golf for a month, finished 14th in his first tournament back on tour and won the Colonial National Invitational in his second.

He has also, in pro-speak, paid his dues. He was runner-up in the 1994 US Masters to Jose-Maria Olazabal, third to Corey Pavin in the 1995 US Open and second to Steve Jones in this year's US Open. If a man has to challenge and fail first, Lehman was perfectly fitted to become champion.

The final round was perceived by almost all the crowd as matchplay between Lehman and Faldo even though the Englishman was only one ahead of Mark Brooks and Vijay Singh and two ahead of Els and Fred Couples.

David Leadbetter, who had supervised the final Faldo practice session, had found nothing to criticise or change. "He just needs a few early putts. The first six to seven holes are crucial."

Meanwhile Lehman was standing over a 4ft par-putt at the 1st. "You don't want these so soon," said Leadbetter, "but of course they're great if you hole them." Lehman did.

At the 2nd Faldo hit a great approach putt which finished two inches away and was tapped in. But 2in tap-ins were not what he wanted; putts had to go in and pressure had to be applied.

The first sign of a Faldo breakthrough came at the 3rd where Lehman, for some

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Lehman's terms... as his last putt drops the relief shows. Afterwards the American said: 'It was not pretty but it was gritty. I didn't play well. I had no rhythm but I stuck it out and I came through'

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